

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Brent D. Massmann et al. Art Unit 1617
Serial No. 10/652,679
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For SODIUM GLYPHOSATE COMPOSITIONS AND PROCESS FOR THEIR
PREPARATION
Examiner S. Mark Clardy

December 6, 2006

LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed September 6, 2006,
please consider the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of original claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of WO 01/08492 (Massmann et al.), U.S. Patent No. 5,070,197 (Chin et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 5,614,468 (Kramer et al.).

Applicants have previously discussed and characterized the invention as defined in the original independent claims 1 and 19 and the disclosure in the Chin et al. and Kramer et al. references in their Letters to the Patent and Trademark Office filed December 21, 2005 and July 14, 2006. On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner again mischaracterizes the subject matter of claims 1-18 as directed to processes for preparing sodium glyphosate compositions by exothermic batch reaction of particulate glyphosate acid, sodium hydroxide and water.

Applicants again point out that the invention defined in claim 1